

SCRAPS OF WISDOM

Waterloo County Quilters' Guild



President's Message - January Message

Happy 2023, may this year be filled with full bobbins, unused seam rippers, and lots of colour! I love this time of year, and as members of the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild, we have so very much to look forward to. Be sure to mark those calendars as you don't want to miss a thing! Many of us also take some time to reflect on what we might do a bit differently in our lives. For some, the goal may be to move a bit more, eat healthier, etc. For others, it is to get those UFO's finished, for others, it will be to get organized, both in our sewing rooms, and maybe in our homes in general. Whatever they are, our goals improve the quality of our lives.

I want to encourage each of you to ask yourselves this question, "What can I do to help strengthen and grow the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild?" We continue to look for volunteers to fill certain roles, and yes, some need to be in-person activities, but many can be accomplished online, so our geography doesn't matter. I can't wait to see what you volunteer to help with, or even initiate, in the new year.

Are you working on your President's Challenge, 'Postcards from Home'? All of the details can be found in this newsletter, just keep reading. This newsletter is filled with lots of information, I encourage you to get a beverage of your choice, and your calendar (and maybe even your credit card), read through this edition, check out our website, and sign up for your workshops and Sewing Together But Apart days.

Happy quilting! Gail Berry-Graham, President

The Waterloo County Quilters' Guild provides an opportunity for quilters to learn in a supportive, sharing, social environment. We encourage you to get the most out of your membership by becoming more deeply involved in the guild.

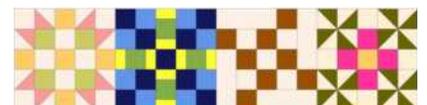
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GATHERINGS

Wednesday January 4, 2023 10:30am - 3:00pm

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January Guild Meeting—January 18, 2023 7pm ET



'Intuitive and Outsider Design'

with

Jacquie Gering

We are delighted to have Jacquie Gering, designer, teacher, and author, join us to present her lecture, 'Intuitive and Outsider Design'. Jacquie will share her design philosophy, process, and influences in this entertaining and informative lecture. Jacquie will share in detail how she translates inspiration into innovative quilt designs, along with her insights, and learnings as she has developed her artistic voice. We will get a

peek into her creative process, and see Jacquie's quilts up close and personal.

Jacquie began quilting in 2009 after being exposed to the work of the Gee's Bend Quilters and the African American quilting tradition. Jacquie's heritage is Menonite, and the history of quilting as an art and craft is part of her family history.

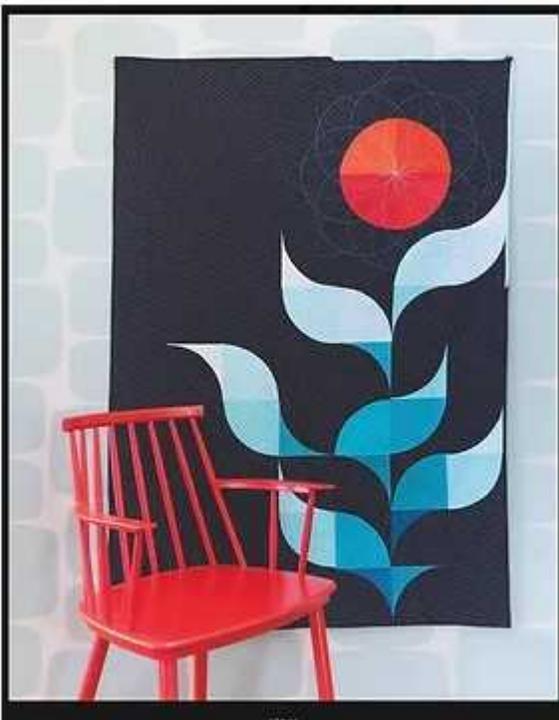
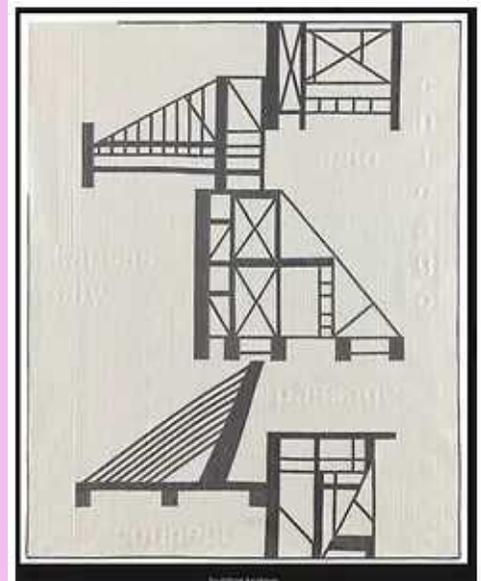
Jacquie values and honours the traditions of the quilting community, so her quilt work utilizes simple shapes and

lines, with non-traditional settings, structures, and content. She has no desire to re-make what has already been done. Her goal is to rethink quilting by finding and articulating her own voice. Jacquie states that ultimately "it is about me, alone in my studio, creating my own process, and expressing my preferences in my work."

Jacquie has published two books: *WALK: Master Machine Quilting with Your Walking Foot*, and *WALK 2.0: More Machine Quilting with Your Walking Foot*, and she has co-authored another book with Katie Pederson, *Quilting Modern: Techniques and Projects for Improvisational Quilts*.

Jacquie lives in Kansas with her husband and black lab.

<https://www.jacquiegering.com/>



2022 - 2023 Guild Program

The Program Committee is excited to share our upcoming guild year program. The survey results from the more than 70% of our membership who responded was used as a guideline for discussion in determining our monthly meeting speakers and workshops. We are confident there is something for everyone, so stay tuned for details in upcoming newsletters and on our website. Enjoy!

Meeting Speakers

January 18, 2023 - Jacquie Gering will join us from Kansas to present 'Intuitive and Outsider Design'. www.jacquiegering.com

February 15, 2023 - Karen Eckmeier from Connecticut will present 'Wiggles and Waves: Free Form Curves'.

www.kareneckmeier.com

March 15, 2023 - Cheryl Arkinson will join us from Alberta to share her 'Scraps vs. Scrappy' lecture. www.cherylarkinson.com

April 19, 2023 - Diane Murtha will come to us from Iowa to present 'Accept the Challenge and Win the Prize.'

www.dianelmurtha.com

May 17, 2023 - Christina Cameli from Oregon will give her 'Combining Designs' lecture. www.christinacameli.com

June 21, 2023 - Tina Craig from Rhode Island will present her lecture 'EPP vs. FPP: The Showdown'. www.seaside-stitches.com



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February Workshop - Accidental Beaches with Karen Eckmeier

Saturday, February 25, 2023

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Cost: Members—\$55, Non-members \$65,
pdf pattern included

Skill Level: All levels

Opening to Non-members on February 1, 2023



Create miniature beach seascapes using Karen Eckmeier's "Layered Curves" technique. Second in the *Accidental Landscape Pattern* series, these little beach scenes are quick and easy to make, no templates, no fuss—just free form rotary cutting and topstitched edges. The results are always a pleasant surprise. For additional texture, learn how to embellish your little beach scene with lace, yarn and beads.

Finished size, not including borders is approx. 8" x 12"



Our Virtual Vendor for January is...

The Quilt Rack

Ancaster, Ontario

<https://thequiltrack.ca/>

Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

Traditional Variations with Cheryl Arkison

Join Cheryl Arkison for a day of playing with improvisation, scale, and colour, to create fun and funky alternatives to old favorites by taking some familiar traditional blocks and shaking them up.



Traditional Variations



Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023

Time: 9:30am to 4pm ET

Cost: Members \$45, non-members \$55

Skill level: Confident beginner

Opens to non-members on March 31, 2023



Modified Quilt-As-You-Go with Diane Murtha

Diane Murtha will teach her Modified Quilt-as-you-go workshop where we will learn techniques that work on any size quilt with endless access options and quilting is easy!



The class project is a 20" x 20" square.

Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023

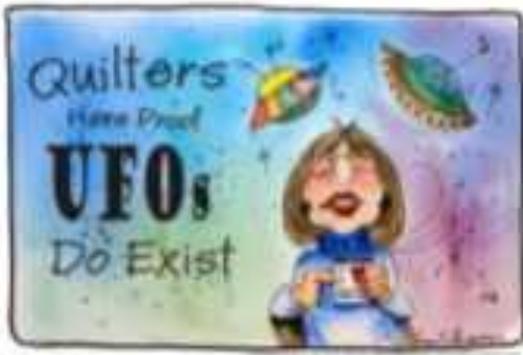
Time: 9:30am to 1:30pm ET

Cost: Members \$50, non-members \$60

Skill level: Beginner to experienced

Opens to non-members April 1, 2023





The 2022-2023
UFO Challenge
Continues at the
January
Gathering

This challenge is open to all mem-

bers!!! The fee is \$2 per UFO, and the prize is the total \$\$ registered plus a WCQG rosette. For our out of town members, you can send me an email, describing each item you wish to enter and we will make arrangements for how your fees will be handled. Once your UFO is finished, send a picture to Kathy Bissett for the month's Show & Share, **making sure you state it is for the UFO Challenge.** For each item you finish, one ballot will be deposited in the draw for you.

Entries must be received by April 14, 2023 for the April 2023 Guild meeting. The winner's name will be drawn at the end of the Show & Share. Hope you will join in the fun and empty your cupboards of those old UFO's.

Contact Deby at dwettges@gmail.com



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GATHERINGS

Wednesday January 4, 2023 10:30am - 3:00pm

Gatherings, an in-person event, sponsored by the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild, takes place on the first Wednesday of every month in the community centre of the Albert McCormick Arena in Waterloo, from 10:30am to 3:00pm. The guild library is open, and there are representatives from SMILE, PAL, Quilts of Valour Canada, Memory Quilts, and the Curated Fabric Team. You can participate in the UFO Challenge and the Strippers' Club. There is also an opportunity to sew and socialize.

January 4, 2023 - Elizabeth Schneider - Hand Appliqué - My quilting journey started in 1997. My second quilt had appliqué, and from then on I was hooked. I am going to share techniques that I have learned over the years, and that work for me. There are many different ways to get each step accomplished. Whatever works for you is great, and you may wish to share your ideas, we can all learn together. Appliqué is easy and very portable once your prep work is done. Also, it uses those little scraps of fabric that seem to keep growing in our sewing rooms. Who knows, you may become another hand appliqué addict!!!



Thank you, Bonnie Murdoch, for your excellent presentation about half square triangles at the December Gathering

February 1, 2023 - Deby Wettges - Quilts of Valour Canada Sewing Bee (see more information on page 15) My quilting journey started in 2005 in Dunnville. Fast forward to 2017, when I moved to Kitchener and joined WCQG. I was now retired, and although I enjoyed working with the guild, I needed something more. In February 2021 I volunteered to fill the empty position of Regional Rep. for Kitchener and Area for Quilts of Valour Canada. I had researched QOVC, and felt I would like to take part in honouring injured members of our armed forces. February is the month that QOVC celebrate their yearly nation-wide SEW Day (being held on Zoom and YouTube on Friday, February 3.) This is why I chose to sponsor the February Gatherings. I encourage you to register to come and sew blocks for QOVC. I will have precut kits available for the day, and perhaps with many hands, we can make enough blocks for a full quilt top! I will have information on the organization, as well as a couple of surprises. Hope you will join me.

March 1, 2023 - Glenda Dippel - Quilt a Large Quilt on a Domestic Sewing Machine I quilt all my quilts on my domestic sewing machine. Both the quilt top and back are fully constructed before the batting is added in a quilt-as-you-go technique. I'll be demonstrating throughout the day, and will be prepared to answer questions. There will be quilts on display that have been quilted using this technique.

April 5, 2023 - Kathy Bissett - Celebration Quilts In my presentation for the 2022 International Quilting Day, I said that celebrating life's milestones for a quilter can only be done in one way—with a quilt. I plan to have the quilt, *Golden Threads*, on display, along with its album, and also about twenty or so additional quilts I have made or received over the years. I'll be prepared to answer questions about my quilts, and would be delighted to have your bring a quilt or two to discuss with me. (continued on page 8)

GATHERINGS – CONTINUED

May 3, 2023 - Grace Cameron - Purses I started making quilts around 2010. I really enjoy the process but, when the pandemic hit in 2020, I decided I needed to do something that was quick and useful at the same time. My friend, Arlene, introduced me to bag making - that's it!! I found my niche!! Once you know the basics of making a really good tote bag, it doesn't take much to modify it to create a bag that you really like. Maybe wider straps, or more pockets! Need a quick gift for someone special? It's so much fun!

June 7, 2023 - Judy Pearce - Collage Quilts and Craft Swap Exchange I will bring along several collage quilts for display, and a collage project in process. I will demo how I choose an image, and used that image to create a fabric collage. A lot of the success of a piece is determined before the piece is even started, by choosing a good image. We will look at some photographs and images to determine which ones would work well to create a successful collage quilt, and some that wouldn't work well. Unfortunately, there won't be time for each participant to create a collage on June 7th, but hopefully participants will pick up some tools and tricks so they have confidence to try it on their own.

For the health and safety of all, we continue to ask you to:

Wear a mask and save lives (Public Health Agency of Canada), **clean your hands, keep a safe distance from others** when participating in the Gatherings activities. **Please have proof of your vaccination available** to show to the person at the membership desk.

- Jean Elaine La (shown the No-Gather-



McFarlane Ronde below at vember ing)



Pamela Clarkson



Carol Ross-Williamson



Left: Barb Mockford & Jean Simpson

WORKSHOPS: DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS, ON OUR GUILD WEBSITE, AND IN OUR ONLINE STORE

February 25, 2023 - Karen Eckmeier - 'Accidental Landscapes: BEACHES'
See page 4 for more details

April 15, 2023 - Cheryl Arkinson - 'Traditional Variations'

Join Cheryl for a day of playing with improvisation, scale, and colour to create fun and funky alternatives to old favorites, by taking some familiar traditional blocks and shaking them up. See page 5.

April 29, 2023 - Diane Murtha - 'Modified Quilt As You Go'

Diane's workshop will highlight techniques that work on any size quilt with endless accent options and the quilting is easy! Class project 20"x 20" square. See page 5.

May 27, 2023 - Christina Cameli - 'Free Motion Compositions'

June 24, 2023 - Tina Craig - 'Spring Fling FPP Table Runner'



Preparing for the 2023 Quilt Exhibit

With only 10 months to go before our 2023 Quilt Exhibit at RIM Park next October 13 and 14th, we are inviting every member to contribute a quilted item to show, no matter how large or small.

Whether you favour traditional or modern quilts, like to do hand or machine quilting, prefer paper pieced, thread painted, appliqué, embroidered or scrap quilts, your quilted items deserve to be showcased. We would like to encourage all members to enter at least one quilt. Whether you are a novice quilter, or have been quilting for many years, your work has value.

- Elaine LaRonde

Quilt Categories and Sizes

- Small Wall Quilt: - Maximum width of 40" and maximum perimeter of 180". Must be submitted with a prepared rod that includes 2 screw eyes, with a width 1/2" less than the width of the wall hanging
- Mid-Size Wall Quilt: Perimeter greater than 180" to a maximum of 250"
- Large Wall Quilt-Perimeter greater than 250"
- Bed Quilt: Single, Queen, King
- Lap Quilt: 48" x 48" up to 60" x 60"
- Other Items: This may include clothing: coats, jackets or vests. Also, table runners and toppers, purses, bags, pillow covers, cushions, baby play mats, patchwork stuffed animals, zippered pouches...

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Professional Guild Members

Any guild members who provide a quilt-related service or operate a quilt-related business have an opportunity to be listed on our website under "Member Professionals". Please re-view existing member listings to see what to include.

Internet Resources for Quilters

Prepared by Inge Ford

Our guild's Quilt Exhibit takes place in October 2023 – after being delayed / postponed for a few years. One of the popular aspects of the Quilt Exhibit is the "Boutique", where items created by our members are displayed and sold to raise money for the guild. Beginning this month, this page will include some information and internet links that will highlight possible projects that members might find interesting to consider making as boutique items or perhaps as future gifts for friends. Additional resources for possible boutique items are available on our guild's website. Be sure to check this link to get some motivation and inspiration - <https://www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca/members-preparations> Hopefully you might find some of the following ideas helpful. It's never too early to get started making items for the boutique.

DIY Pen Pouches – Marie Bostwick is an author of fiction books, some focusing on quilting stories. She writes a regular blog and also shares recipes, favorite books and fun things to create and sew. She recently shared how to sew these easy to make Pen Pouches. Click on this link to learn more. <https://mariebostwick.com/diy-pen-pouches-fabric-scrap>



Bowl Cozies are popular gifts made by quilters. These cozies are great for heating soup in a microwave or using to keep ice cream cold. Made with 100% cotton fabrics, threads and batting, it is safe to use in the microwave and makes a hot or cold bowl easier to handle. If you have never made one or are interested in a refresher on how to make these, click this link to Carolina Moore's you tube tutorial. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fRWRJfSn2BY> Another you tube resource is the Crafty Gemini site, where Vanesa shares some easy to follow strategies when making bowl cozies. Here is her link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkfWpFjnpRw>



Quilted Key Fobs – These are fun, easy and quick to make. Leigh Laurel Studios shares her instructions at this link.

<https://www.leighlaurelstudios.com/my-blog/2013/11/tutorial-quilted-key-fobs.html>

Sherri McConnel from "A Quilting Life" shares how to make a patchwork key fob in her you tube tutorial at this link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fV--7Xh8 Js>



Quilted Fabric Journal Covers are easy and fun to sew. Here are two tutorials of how to create a fabric journal cover. Composition books are great to use as the basis and can be purchased quite inexpensively at Dollar Stores. Misty Doan shows how to create a patchwork journal cover, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7k1s-kWyMg> and Alanda Craft shares how to create the journal cover pictured to the right.

<https://www.alandacraft.com/2016/08/14/fabric-journal-book-covers/>



Library Update

Turn out for accessing the library continues to grow slowly with 30 members borrowing a total of 69 books in the month of December. At the Book Sale, members were free to purchase more than the two-book limit set at November's sale. The deadline for online orders by email is Tuesday, January 3rd. Curbside pickup on January 4th will be from noon to 2pm. Thank you to all the members who volunteered in the library at the December 'Gathering'.

Don't forget your loonies for the Book Sale, and quilt magazines for the donation to the "Bring One, Take Two" basket.

Lastly, a fat quarter prize for all who complete the Quiz (page 21) and borrow library books.

- Jean Simpson and Donna McKay



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Quilt Exhibit Magnets

The WCQG Quilt Exhibit will be held in October 2023 and to help promote it, we are asking members to make magnets which will be distributed to quilt shops and other venues. Instructions to make the magnets and the labels are available on our Guild website under -- **Quilt Exhibit / Members Preparations**. There will also be supplies available at the Gatherings from Deby Wettges starting in November. Please bring your finished magnets to Deby at the Gatherings where they will be bagged ready for distribution.

The Exhibit Committee hopes you will help us to make this upcoming show a success by your participation in this. For more information you may contact Deby by email at dwettges@gmail.com



President's Challenge 2022/2023

Home...means different things to different people

Just the word itself evokes emotions, remembered smells, sounds, sense of belonging, and the list goes on and on. For some, when they hear "home", they think of where they came from; others think of where they are, and still others think of someplace in between. Maybe home is a simple cup of coffee or a favorite footstool. **Home is ...whatever you need it to be.**

Now that our world is opening back up more and more, let's not forget that our imposed time at home has changed us forever, we can only hope that the change in each of us has been for the better.

Your Challenge: Create an 'oversized' postcard, depicting your interpretation of "HOME"

Size: 18" x 12" - which includes a 3/4" solid black finished outer border. No binding, finished with a facing. A hanging sleeve will be required with instructions on sizing to come. A label will also be required—full details to follow.

Requirement: All work must be done by the entrant (piecing and quilting)

Due: by April 19th, 2023 Guild Meeting

Process: Pictures to be sent to Kathy Bissett by April 15th. You can bring your completed quilt to the April Gatherings meeting or send it to Gail by April 15th. These will be shown live at the MAY Gatherings meeting, and collected to be reshowed at the October Quilt Exhibit. Members who live in the county can pick up their pieces at the end of the show, and we will make arrangements with out-of-town entrants to have their pieces returned to them.

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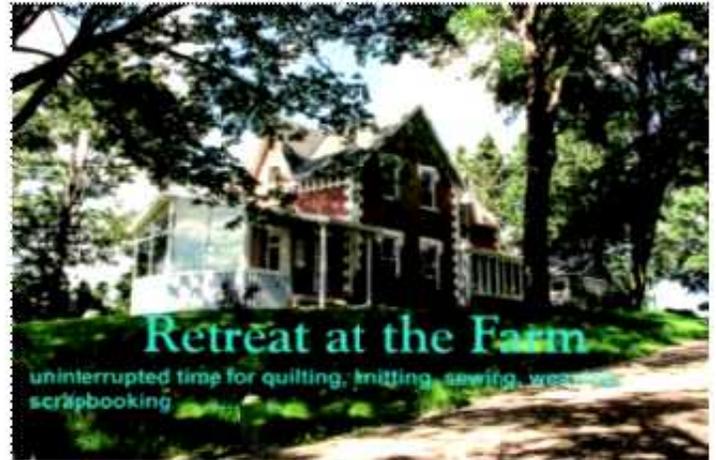
“Judy (Siegener) is one of a group of women who generously use their skills and love to create the gift of warmth and beauty for others.

These quilts came in this week, just in time for some of our clients at COMPASS, who are experiencing their first winter in Canada.

When we provide a client with a quilt, we are sure to tell them that these are the work of talented artisans, not machine-made or store-bought. When they realize the love, time, skill, and generosity that has gone into making the quilts, they are even more thankful to receive one, and the help that comes through COMPASS.

Everything we do and give to people making a refugee claim is made possible because of donors in our community. If you haven't given already, this is a great way to give to our COMPASS CHRISTMAS 2022: Shine Your Light campaign! Please donate now at <https://compassrefugee.ca/donate/donate-now/>”

The quilt Judy is holding was made by Cathy Potvin and was donated by The Caring Connection.



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Open Sewing

We invite you to join us for the Monday afternoon **Open Sewing** Times. Join for the full two hours, or join for a short time. Some participants sew for that time while online. Others do handwork, e.g., binding a quilt or other stitching activities. There is always lots of great conversation and helpful tips and strategies related to quilting. Join us and meet some new quilters, and possibly build new friendships. It's a very relaxed atmosphere, and a great way to get to know fellow guild members. Everyone is welcome. The Zoom link remains the same each week and can always be easily found in the President's Friday Update email. Hope to see you at one of our sewing days soon.

Once each month, a **Saturday Open Sewing** time is held, from 10 to noon. In January, the Saturday Open Sewing will take place on **Saturday, January 14th**. Please consider joining us! The Zoom link for this one will be provided in the President's Update on January 13th.

- Inge Ford

QOVC Sewing Day at the February Gathering



There will be a **Quilts of Valour – Canada Sewing Day** at the Gathering held on Wednesday February 1st from 11 am – 3 pm. I will be giving you a brief history on QOVC and there will be a display of the donated quilts I currently have on hand. I will have block kits available to be sewn and hopefully there will be enough participation that we can complete a quilt top (or 2 ?) before the day is finished. So please, I invite you to contact Jean or Elaine and sign up to come and bring your sewing machines (and neutral thread) for a few hours of sewing and chatting.

Oh . . . did I forget to mention, there will be a draw. For every quilt block you complete, your name will go in for a draw. One name will be drawn at the end of our session and a prize of fat quarters will be awarded.

Hope to see many of you join in to help complete quilts which will be gifted to support (physically or mentally) injured Canadian Armed Forces members both past and present, with quilts of comfort.

Deby Wettges QOVC Kitchener Rep.

Virtual Show and Share for January

Please send pictures of your quilts, with a sentence or two about them, and dimensions,

to kathleenbissett@me.com

by Sunday, January 15th, so they can be included in our virtual Show and Share.

If you know of a guild member who has become ill, please let our secretary, **Doris Martin**, know so she can send a get well card from all of us.

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GENTLE TAI CHI AND QIGONG CLASSES AVAILABLE

Eileen Yorysh is offering classes through the City of Waterloo Recreation, registration is online via Activenet Waterloo. Drop-in also available per class. Classes are held at the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Centre. Mondays 9:45-10:45am Gentle Tai Chi (Fitness Studio 1) #33197 & 11-noon Gentle QiGong (Fitness Studio 1) #33199 Thursdays 9:30-10:30am Gentle QiGong Virtual (Room 201) #33200 via Zoom & 11-noon Gentle Tai Chi (Fitness Studio 1) #33198. For more information, contact Eileen 519-664-3648

IN SEARCH OF 'Stupendous Stitching' book, by Carol Ann Waugh. "I have joined the Goderich Quilt Guild. I made a couple of 'Stupendous Stitching' pieces for their quilt sale (a fundraiser for their charity quilts) and have recommended this book as one we might like to have in the collection. I have realized how spoiled we are WCQG to have such an amazing book budget and huge book selection in our library. The librarian found the price of a new copy prohibitive because of her limited budget. Does anyone have a copy they would be will to part with and sell as a used book for \$25? Thanks" - Judy Pearce ju.di.pe@outlook.com

EQ8 BEGINNER'S CLASSES: Two different time slots—both on a Monday. You will choose one time slot—you cannot go back and forth between morning and evening. These will take place on ZOOM. The cost this year will be \$75 for 10 weeks, and each class will go approximately 90 minutes—sometimes less, and sometimes more—never more than 2 hours. We stop when we get to a spot that makes sense.

You will purchase your own EQ8 Lessons for Beginners book, and of course, own an up-to-date version of EQ8.

Start date: Monday, January 9, 2023

Class A: 10:00–11:30am EST

Class B: 6:30-8:00pm EST

Let me know if you want to reserve a spot in class, gailberry@me.com

use it up



Etobicoke Quilters' Guild Quilt Fever 2023



**Quilt Show and Sale
March 24 & 25, 2023**

10 am—5 pm Admission \$10

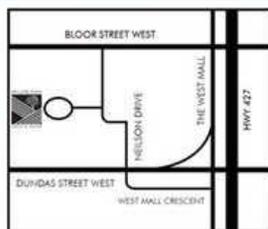
Café, Door Prizes

Pick to Win, Merchants Mall

Members Boutique

Quilting Demonstrations

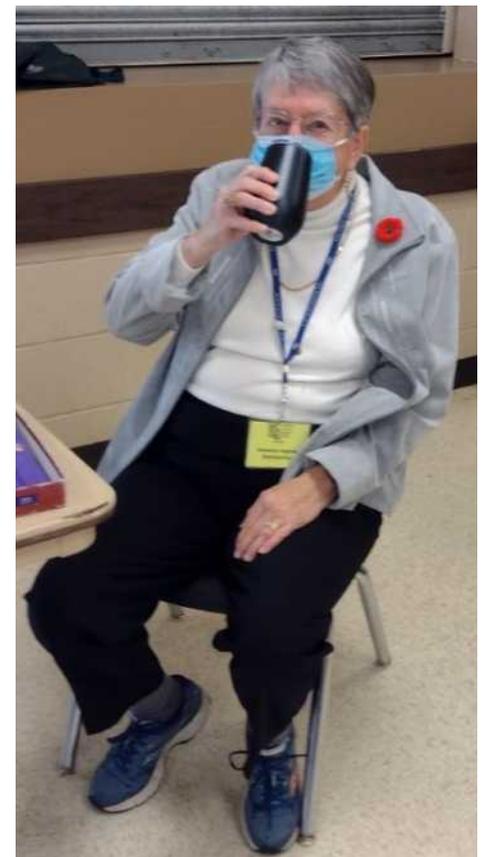
info at: etobicokequiltersguild.ca



**Neilson Park Creative Centre
56 Neilson Drive
Etobicoke, ON
M9C 1V7**

Quilt design by Sandy Lindal

make it do



The November Gathering - the masked quilters, starting at the top left and going clock-wise: Brenda Warner, Helene Doerfler, Emily Hunsberger, Deby Wettges, Marg Sandiford, Judy Pearce, Madeline Hughes, Judy Siegner, Darlene Ekmanis and centre, Jean Weller , in her lovely quilted jacket.

Left : some of the SMILE Quilts donated in November



Here are some pictures from the recent drop off at oneROOF. There was also a drop off made after the November Gathering. The WCQG donations for 2022 included \$95 in gift cards, \$70 in cash, 17 bags/boxes of coats, boots, hats, work socks, assorted clothing, and personal items. As well, there were 4 more bed quilts presented to the “Quad”, the 44-bed housing development that is now full. There were 15 humbug bags with handles (filled with personal care items), intended for those who live on the streets and may need to shower in alternative locations. Many thanks to all those who generously donated to oneROOF! - Deby Wettges



The following letter was received from Sandy Dietrich-Bell, CEO for one ROOF

Dear Waterloo County Quilters' Guild c/o Deby Wettges,

On behalf of the oneROOF Youth Services (Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and the youth we serve), I would like to thank you for partnering with us as we continue to support youth experiencing homelessness in Waterloo Region.

Youth who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, rely on oneROOF Youth Services to provide for their basic needs, their shelter and their safety. Your generosity enables us to offer these services and more. Your ongoing support will ensure that we are able to address the gaps in services for this vulnerable population.

With your support we have created a revolutionary space for youth—the Quad. This campus-type property allows us to provide holistic and wrap-around services—all in one place. Youth are cared for 24/7 via our drop-in services, our shelter beds and our 44 unit supportive housing building. Thank you for joining us in our belief that one youth on the street is too many.

If you have any questions about oneROOF Youth Services, the supports we provide, or volunteer opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact us at 519-742-2788.

Sincerely, Sandy Dietrich-Bell, MSW, RSW, Chief Executive Officer, oneROOF Services



A few more masked quilters from the November Gathering - left to right, Kathy Bissett, Diane Beingessner, & Susan Shillingford-Pearson

Sewing Together But Apart - January

Our next STBA day will take place on Wednesday, January 11, when we once again gather on Zoom for a fun day of sewing activities, socializing, sharing, and engaging in fun conversations.

In the morning, we will once again view a video and in the afternoon, we welcome Karen Brown, who is well known for her YouTube channel, “Just Get It Done Quilts”, where she now has over 250K subscribers, and 15 million views. Weekly, Karen shares on her channel: tips, tricks, and strategies to help quilters tidy up their sewing spaces, use up their stash, and deal with their UFO’s. Her lecture for our STBA day is called - “Shop from Your Stash: the Joy of Symmetry”.



To register for a STBA day, please go to our on-line store on the website and remember to email Inge Ford, our Sewing Together co-ordinator. Please visit our on-line store on our website to learn more about our future STBA days.

In **February**, Emily Baily, a blogger, quilter, teacher, and author will share her presentation called “Bits of Joy”. Emily’s most recent book is called “*Crumb Quilts—Scrap Quilting the Zero Waste Way*”. In her trunk show, she will inspire us to use our own piles of scraps to explore possibilities, discover hidden treasures, and create beautiful quilts.

In **March**, Julie Plotniko, from Vancouver Island, will join us to share her excitement and knowledge about free motion quilting. She will inspire and motivate us to apply her strategies. Julie presents this lecture across Canada, and this past year, at Quilt Canada.

In **April**, Maggie Dillon, from Florida, will share her *Art Quilts & Fiber Collages Virtual Trunk Show* which features her journey through quilts that combine portraiture, traditional techniques, and fine art. Hear the stories behind the creation of many award-winning quilts.

In **May**, Sarah Humphreys joins us from Yorkshire, England. Have you ever felt you’ve misplaced your quilting mojo? You want to sew but have lost some enthusiasm or inspiration—or perhaps you are looking for some new motivation. Sarah will share her lecture—“Help! I’ve Lost My Quilting Mojo!” Sarah has lots of ideas to get you stitching again. Sarah has over 30 years of quilting experience, and was a presenter at the Birmingham Quilt Show this year.

In **June**, Reed Johnson will join us from Florida. He will share his quilting journey, and a trunk show of beautiful quilts. Reed is a former trial attorney, who has now become a nationally known quilt designer, presenter, certified Quilt-in-a-Day instructor, and pattern designer. He has a special love of batiks, and all things related to quilting.

We also have a special July STBA day scheduled for the first Wednesday in July. More information will soon be available on our website.

Hope to see you soon at one of our STBA days. This is another great way to connect with and build relationships with fellow quilters.

Unscramble the letters on the left to make a list of the tags in the "Library Thing" and win a fat quarter when you hand in your completed quiz and take out a library book at the January Gathering.

(* denotes a space between words)

1. TAR _____
2. MLRTOPALJCESS _____ *
3. ETHRSAORWDK _____
4. MRTSIRSOAUSI _____ *
5. SCRVEU _____
6. LORSNGFREEWSAD _____ *
7. ANVTGIE _____
8. IULQMTITOSNIFG _____ *
9. PMCCIAEHINEGIN _____ *
10. DISK _____
11. GYIPNDAEGTNII _____ *
12. EBTHLIMLEMENSS _____
13. P T S S I R _____
14. IGNANHMILTEIQC _____ *
15. BRDSERO _____
16. SATSR _____
17. AGFCALBOCLEIR _____ *
18. PQLAIPUE _____
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Some of Bonnie Murdoch's quilts, demonstrating the use of half square triangles at our December Gathering.

And some of the 171 stuffies wrapped in beautiful quilts that were donated to the Knights of Columbus Toy Drive 2022

Upcoming ONLINE Speaker and Workshop Information

January 14 - 'Jelly Bean Row—Signature Houses of Newfoundland' - with Corey Ralph **WORKSHOP FULL**

January 18 - January Speaker—Jacquie Gering speaking on 'Intuitive and Outsider Design'

January 28 - 'Creative Quilting with the Walking Foot' Workshop with Jacquie Gering **WORKSHOP FULL**

February 15 - February Speaker—Karen Eckmeier will present 'Wiggles and Waves: Free Form Curves'

February 25 - 'Accidental Landscapes—BEACHES' Workshop with Karen Eckmeier

GRANDMA DIDN'T GET
RUN OVER BY A REINDEER...



SHE STAGED IT
SO SHE COULD KEEP QUILTING



The Quilting Months Ahead...

Elected Officers of the Guild 2021-2022

President: Gail Berry-Graham
Vice President: Breanna Gaudaur
Treasurer: Andrea Heimrich
Assistant Treasurer: Laura Huras
Secretary: Doris Martin
Past President: Jean MacFarlane

Standing Committees

Historian: Deby Wettges
Librarians: Jean Simpson & Donna McKay
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 Kitty Mitchell
 Betty Anne Scott
 Bettie Schuurman
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Program & Workshops: Sylvia Fernley, Ev Cameron,
 Joan Holland, Cathy Jurchuk & Inge Ford
Quilt Exhibit: Elaine LaRonde & Inge Ford,
 Co-chairs
Website & Online Store: Kathy Bissett
Facebook: Marg Sandiford

Month	Day	Activity
January	4	Gathering at Albert McCormick Arena - Elizabeth Schneider - Hand Appliqué
January	11	STBA with Karen Brown - 'Shop from Your Stash - the Joy of Symmetry'
January	14	'Jelly Bean Row - Signature Houses of Newfoundland' Workshop with Corey Ralph
January	18	Regular Guild Meeting on Zoom with speaker Jacquie Gering
January	28	'Creative Quilting with the Walking Foot' Workshop with Jacquie Gering
February	1	Gathering at Albert McCormick Arena - Deby Wettges - Sew Day Quilts of Valour Canada
February	8	STBA with Emily Baily - 'Crumb Quilts - Scrap Quilting the Zero Waste Way'
February	15	Regular Guild Meeting on Zoom with speaker Karen Eckmeier
February	25	'Accidental Landscapes—BEACHES' Workshop with Karen Eckmeier

Our website: <http://www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca/>

Newsletter Deadline for the February 2023 issue is January 26, 2023